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NEWS SUMMARY:

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic and Special Agent In Charge James Finch of the Federal Bureau of Investigation announced today that a federal grand jury has indicted Milwaukee Alderman Robert Donovan on one count of making a false statement to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Donovan allegedly gave information to City of Milwaukee officials which caused them to relay information to HUD officials in connection with a \$200,000 block grant funded by HUD and approved for The Milwaukee Alliance, a non-profit organization stared by Donovan.

Based on this charge, Donovan faces up to one year imprisonment and a fine of \$100,000.

The case was investigated by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Inspector General's Office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Assistant United States Attorney Karine Moreo-Taxman.

The public is cautioned that an indictment is merely the formal method of returning charges against an individual and does not constitute inference of his or her guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until such time, if ever, that the government established his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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